

### *Sleeve for quilts that will be displayed in the 2017 Quilt Show:*

**4" sleeve is required for all quilts that are to be displayed at the 2017 quilt show. (This does not apply to miniature quilts, with a perimeter of less than 96".)**

If your quilt **exceeds** 105", the sleeve must be placed so that it measures 100" from the top of the sleeve to the bottom of the quilt, to eliminate the quilt from hanging on the floor.

This technique may be slightly different from the sleeve construction method you have used in the past. This method is suggested because the pleat gives extra fullness on the back of the sleeve to keep the quilt from bulging out. Your quilt will hang better on the quilt rod.

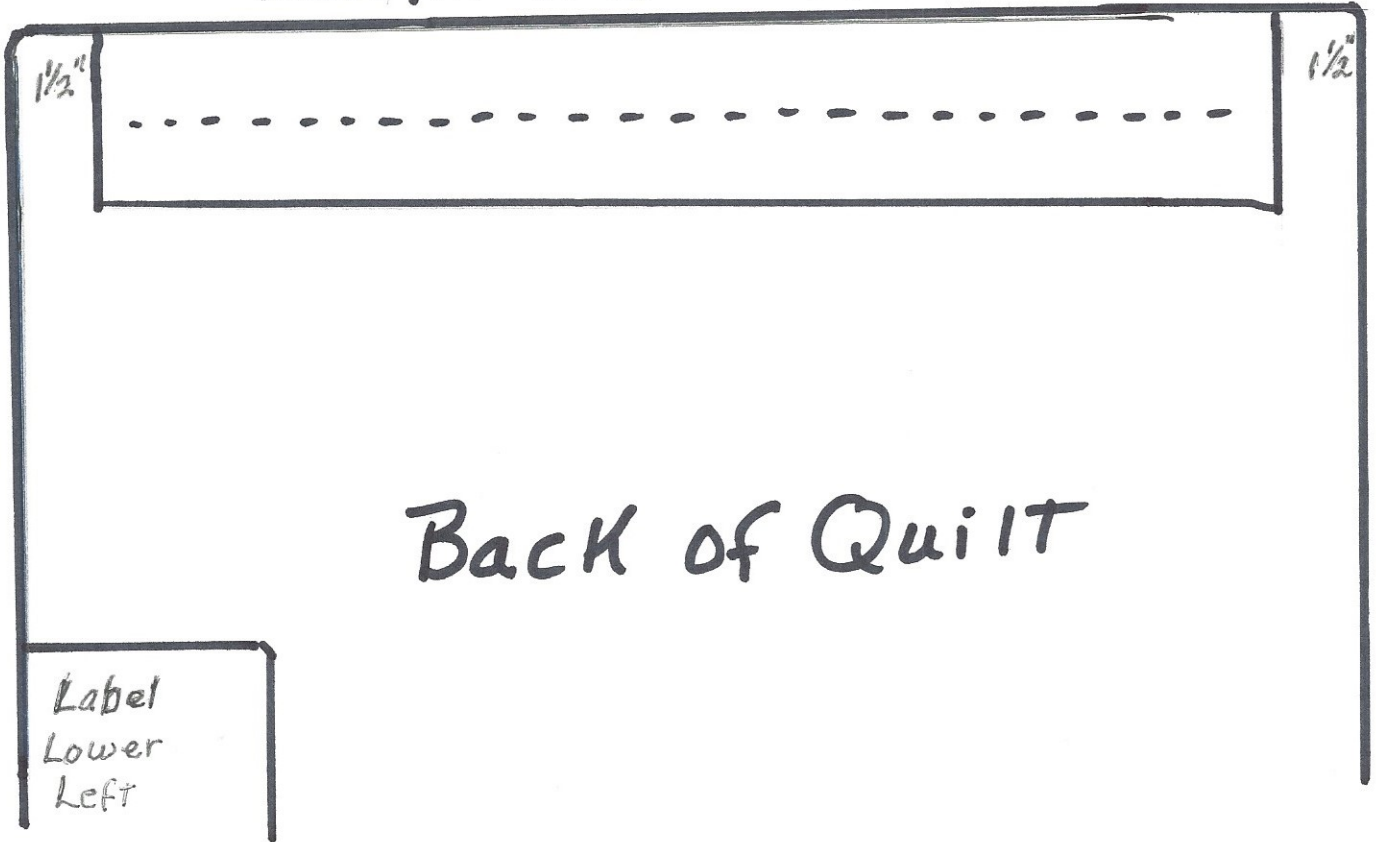
- Choose muslin or a fabric that matches your quilt backing to make your hanging sleeve.
- For a 4" wide sleeve, cut and piece together 9 1/2" wide straight grain strips to make a piece that
- is 2" shorter than the width of your quilt.
- Turn 1/2" to wrong side on both narrow ends and machine hem, making the sleeve 3" shorter than
- the quilt width.
- Press the sleeve in half lengthwise with wrong sides facing together.
- On the side that will face away from the quilt, machine baste a 1/4" deep pleat along the length of
- the sleeve.
- Center and pin sleeve to quilt backing, aligning raw edges of the sleeve with the top edge of the
- quilt.
- Sew the binding and sleeve on quilt at the same time.
- Blind stitch the bottom fold of the sleeve to the quilt back, being careful not to stitch through to the
- quilt top.
- Remove the basting stitches - removing the pleat.

These instructions are for an unfinished quilt. If your quilt is bound, follow up to "Center and pin sleeve". Sew the sleeve into a tube. Position the sleeve near the top of the quilt and center the sleeve seam so that it faces the quilt backing. Blind stitch folds of sleeve to the quilt backing.

If you have not done so already, **please print these instructions.**

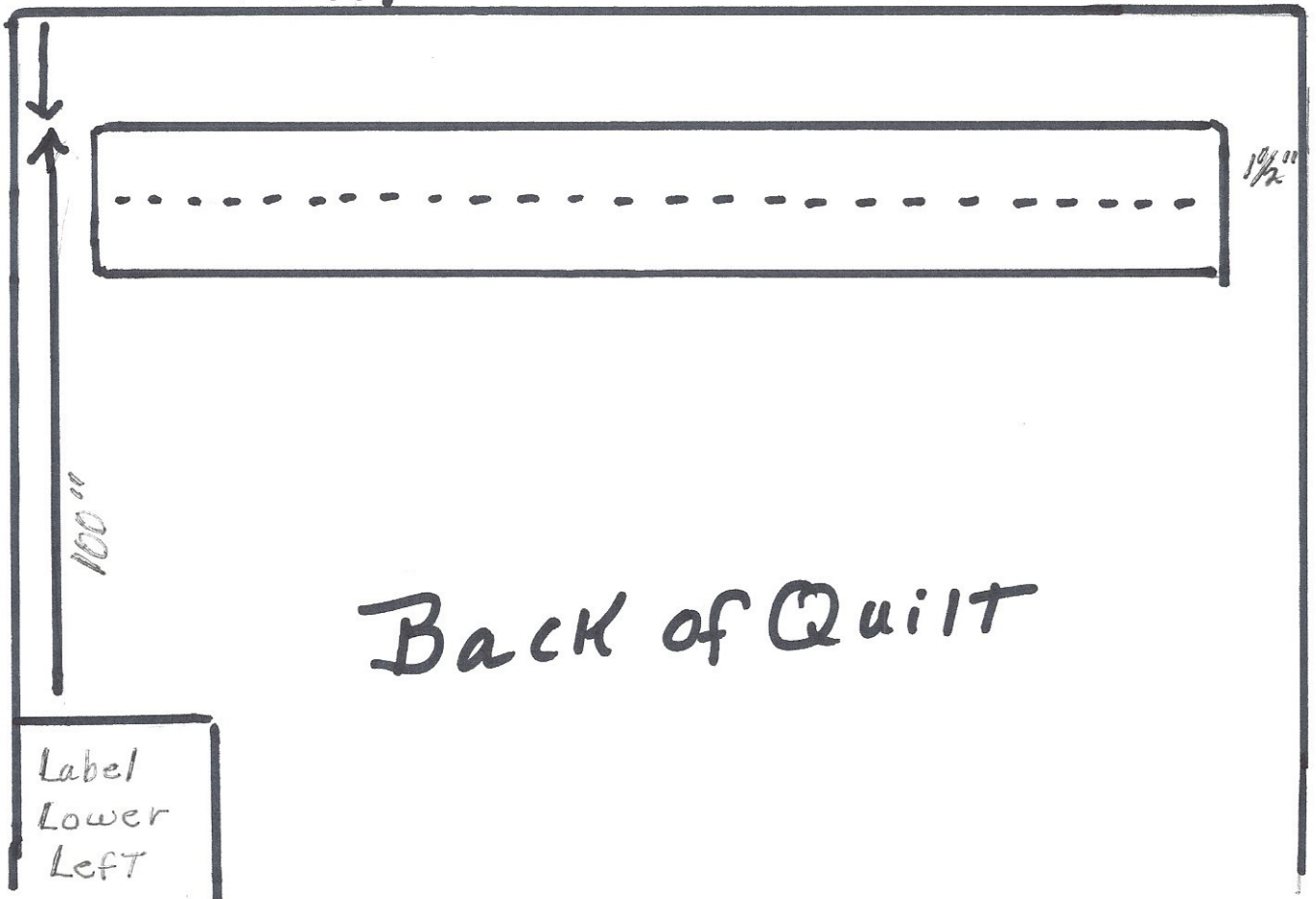
Note: This sleeve is preferred but this type of sleeve construction is NOT required. If you already have a sleeve on your quilt that measures 4"- you are fine.

Length less Than 100"



Back of Quilt

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